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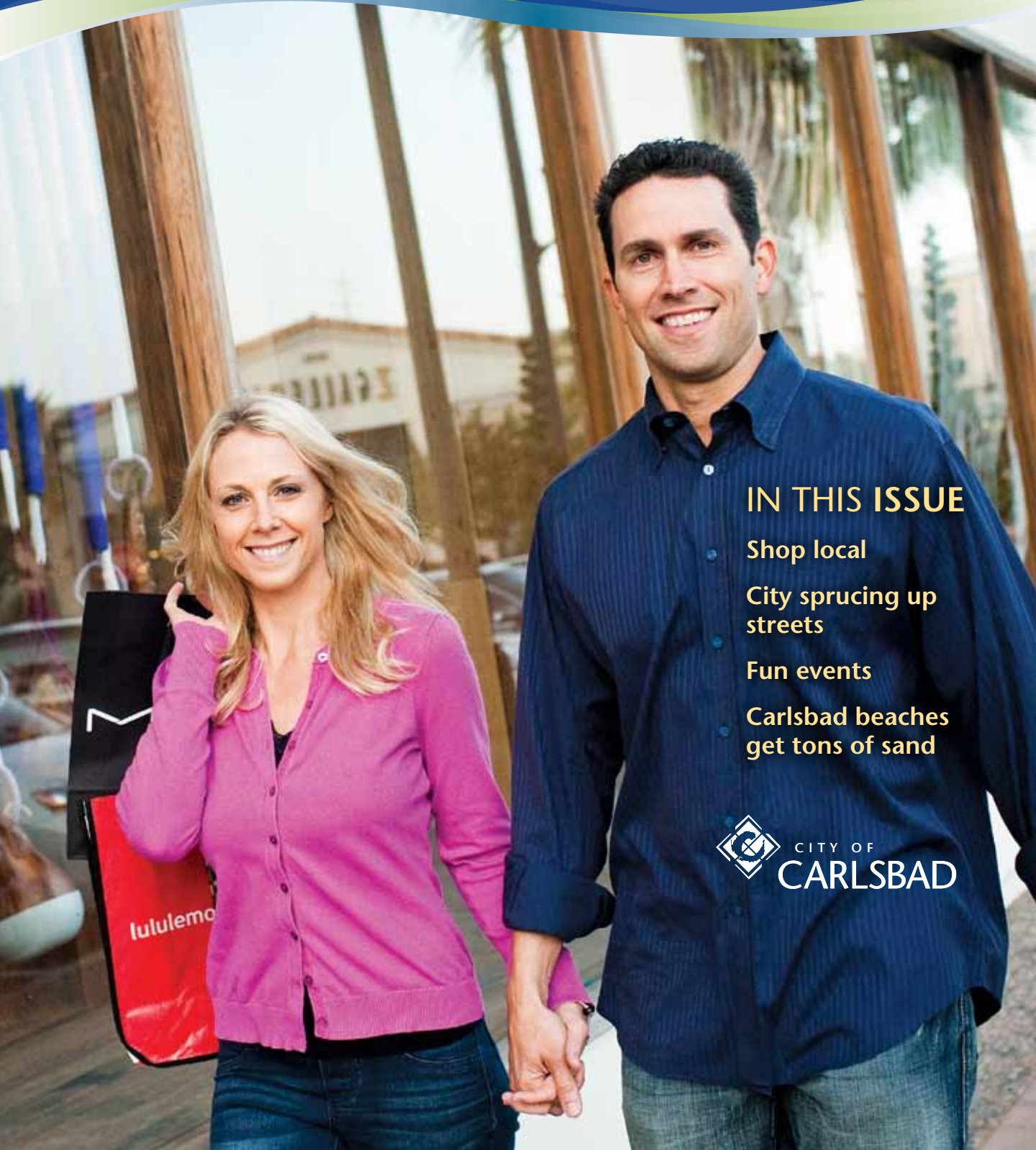
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Invest in your community: *Shop local*

Shopping locally saves you time and helps support the local economy. In Carlsbad, there are many shopping choices just around the corner.

Head to the Carlsbad Village, where there are many one-of-a-kind retailers, including a chocolatier, wine merchants, art galleries, antiques and collectables, and much more. If you need a break from shopping, stop in at one of the Village's eclectic eateries or coffee shops.

Don't miss **The Forum** at El Camino Real and Calle Barcelona, recently named "San Diego's Best" local shopping center, featuring more than 50 stores, including a wide range of fashion, home furnishings, cookware and cosmetics. For the technologically

inclined, The Forum is also home to Carlsbad's popular Apple store.

Carlsbad Premium Outlets, right off Interstate 5 and Palomar Airport Road, is home to more than 90 retail stores, offering discounts on everything from home furnishings to designer shoes, purses and clothing. Whether you are looking for formal wear or surf wear, or shopping for kids or adults, you are sure to find a bargain at the Carlsbad Premium Outlets.

And finally, if you're looking for national retailers and major department stores, **Westfield Plaza Camino Real** is conveniently located off of Route 78 and El Camino Real.

Why shop local?

When you shop local, you are supporting your community. A portion of the dollars you spend in Carlsbad stay here and help support a thriving local economy and quality city services, such as police, fire, libraries and parks.

City sprucing up streets

The City of Carlsbad is resurfacing a number of roads as part of an annual program to extend the life of roadways and ensure smooth going for drivers.

Streets were selected based on the age and condition of the roadway surface. An application of slurry seal protects the pavement surface from oxidation, weathering and cracking.

Traffic could be affected and roads in some areas will be reduced to one lane in each direction. Work hours for this project are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

City staff reminds the public to drive carefully in construction zones and take alternate routes when possible. Temporary 'No Parking' signs will be posted in the construction areas.



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Ask the City



What is the General Plan?

The easiest way to describe a General Plan is that it serves as a written blueprint for how a city will achieve the community's vision for the future. All cities and counties in California are required to have one.

You might have heard about the General Plan recently because the City of Carlsbad is in the process of updating our General Plan. Cities usually update their general plans every 10 to 20 years to make sure they reflect the current community values and new laws and regulations.

The plan includes guidance on where housing, shopping and employment can be built; how people will get around the city, where utilities and other infrastructure will go; how the city will manage open space; and other important decisions that affect our community.

If you'd like more information on the General Plan or how you can provide input, visit the city website, www.carlsbadca.gov/envision.





Fun events

Cinema Series of Carlsbad

*Saturday, Jan. 14, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Free
Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library
(Dove Lane), 760-602-2012*

An expert lecturer for the National Geographic Society and Smithsonian delivers a high energy multi-media performance guaranteed to inspire your spirit of adventure.

Science Saturdays

*Jan. 21, Feb. 18 and March 17, 2 to 3 p.m., Free
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane), 760-602-2047*

Kids are invited to learn more about science in a fun, supportive environment. A different theme is highlighted each month. Recommended for children ages 5 and older, with a parent or other adult.

For a complete, searchable calendar of events, visit www.carlsbadca.gov.

2012 Cannon Invitational

*On display from Jan. 22 through March 11, 2012
Tuesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m.
to 5 p.m., Free
William D. Cannon Art Gallery, Carlsbad City Library
(Dove Lane)*

Five artists from the 2011 Juried Biennial will be showcased in this 2012 Invitational Exhibition, including Robert Ecker (painting), Becky Guttin (assemblage), Roy Jenuine (sculpture), Robert Nelson (drawing) and Sasha Koozel Reibstein (ceramics).

Teen Scene

*Saturday, Jan. 28, 4 to 9 p.m., \$5 presale through
Jan. 26; \$8 at the door
Calavera Hills Community Center, 760-434-2843*

Join us for an art exhibit, film series and other creative work by local teens. The main event will include 11 teen bands battling it out for the title of "Carlsbad 2012 Battle of the Bands Champion."

Family Open Studios Plus

*Saturday, Feb. 11, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Free
Performances at 11:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.,
Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium and courtyard,
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane), 760-602-2021*

Join our popular hands-on art making event designed for all ages. Tour the Cannon Invitational exhibition. Then, design an art project related to the exhibition. Finally, take your work of art home. All materials and workspace are provided. No reservations required.

Carlsbad City Library Concert

*Sunday, Feb. 12, 2 to 3 p.m., Free
Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library
(Dove Lane), 760-602-2012*

Award-winning and multi-talented musician Yale Strom will perform with his band Hot Pstromi.

Cinema Series of Carlsbad

*Saturday, March 10, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Free
Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library
(Dove Lane), 760-602-2012*

Award-winning cinematographer, writer, editor and director Rick Ray will screen and discuss his documentary East Africa Safari, highlighting one of the most exotic destinations on Earth.

Learn about your city, sign up for **Citizens Academy**

The City of Carlsbad is now accepting applications for its spring 2012 Citizens Academy. The free, seven-week course meets weekly starting March 15 from 5 to 8 p.m., except one daytime bus tour.

Residents will get an up-close look at how the city functions, including city planning, finances, police and fire, public works and cultural arts. Participants will have an opportunity to meet City Council members and city staff as well as get a behind-the-scenes tour of key city operations.

For more information, visit the city's website, www.carlsbadca.gov, and search "Citizens Academy" or call 760-434-2800.



Carlsbad beaches to get **tons of sand**

The first of three sand replenishment projects hit Carlsbad beaches in November, as the state of California Department of Fish and Game began dredging in the Batiquitos Lagoon. The state project removed sand build-up on the lagoon bottom and puts it on beaches in South Carlsbad and Encinitas.

In April the San Diego Association of Governments will initiate the Regional Beach Sand Project II, placing 1.4 million cubic yards of sand on nine county beaches. Two of those beaches are in Carlsbad, one at the north, and one at the south.

And beginning December 2012, NRG Energy, which owns and operates the Encina Power Station, will perform its biennial maintenance dredging at Agua Hedionda Lagoon.



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Approximately 350,000 cubic yards of sand removed from the lagoon bottom will be placed on the beach near Tamarack Avenue.

Unlike beaches in cities to the north and south, Carlsbad beaches are controlled by the state, which is responsible for lifeguard service, beach parking lots, restrooms and other amenities.

“Beautiful sandy beaches are an important part of our city’s quality of life and tourism economy,” Associate Engineer Steve Jantz said. “It’s great to see these projects move forward.”



Get rid of greasy foods *without clogging your pipes*

Did you know that soap, detergent and bleach only temporarily cut the grease left behind from food scraps? Fat, oil and grease eventually attach to the walls of sewer pipes, and that build-up of grease in pipes is the number one cause of sewage spills.

Dispose of fat, oil and grease properly:

- Scrape uneaten food and sauces into the trash before washing the dishes or placing them in the dishwasher.
- Wipe cooking pan residue with a paper towel before washing and throw the towel in the trash.
- Mix small amounts of fat, oil and grease with absorbent waste, such as kitty litter, coffee grounds or paper towels before discarding.
- Dispose of fat, oil and grease into a plastic container.
- Dispose of used cooking oil responsibly and free at a household hazardous waste facility. Call Waste Management at 760-929-9400 for information.

For more information, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/sewer.



Homeowners are responsible for the sewer pipe from their homes to the street.

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City offers help to first-time homebuyers

Low income residents who are trying to gather enough funds to purchase a home could qualify for help through the City of Carlsbad's First-Time Homebuyer Program.

This program is designed for people who have good credit and some money to put down on a new house, but need a little boost to get them over the final hurdle. The program provides up to 5 percent of the purchase price of a home to help cover closing costs and a down payment, with a maximum of \$20,000.

To be eligible for the program, households must meet certain income requirements.

Applicants will need to demonstrate that they can comfortably make the monthly payments to qualify for assistance. Applicants will need to take a first-time homebuyers course, and then sit down with an expert who will go over their application and counsel them on what they can afford.

Although it's called a "First-Time Homebuyer Program," previous owners can qualify as long as they haven't owned a home within the past three years.

The program is administered by Community HousingWorks, a local nonprofit that works with the city to administer the program, and the funds are made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



Trash holiday pick-up for 2012

Not sure what day trash pick-up will fall after a holiday? If a collection day falls on or after one of the holidays listed below, the collection day will be one day later than normal, Monday through Saturday. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delays.

One day delay

New Year's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

Normal schedule for all other holidays.

Please contact Waste Management at **760-929-9400** or visit <http://northcounty.wm.com/> for more information.

What's the phone number for...

City Hall	760-434-2820
Abandoned vehicles (public streets)	760-931-2289
Trash service/ dump information	760-929-9400
Non-emergency police	760-931-2197
Utility billing	760-602-2420
Graffiti removal	760-434-6700
Department of Motor Vehicles	800-777-0133
Street light repair	760-434-2980

For more commonly requested phone numbers, visit the city's website and click on "Carlsbad A-Z" in the upper right of the screen.

